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### **Local Leaders Respond to DOE Selection of Fluor Federal Services for Site Cleanup**

Paducah and McCracken County leaders offered the following response to the announcement today by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on the selection of Fluor Federal Services as the primary contractor to begin the Decommissioning and Decontamination of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP):

“It is an extremely important action by the DOE for our community. The clean-up of the site will require decades to accomplish and cost billions of dollars. This contract will be the vehicle to begin this important work. The community looks forward to working with Fluor to help in any way possible to make their efforts under this contract successful. Our community appreciates the leadership of Secretary Moniz and his leadership team in moving DOE forward in making this commitment on PGDP clean-up.

The support of Gov. Steve Beshear; Rebecca Byers, director of Kentucky Washington Office; and Secretary Len Peters, Energy and Environment Cabinet, in working with the DOE to see this contract put in place is part of their continued commitment to Paducah and our state. The tireless efforts of Sen. Mitch McConnell, Sen. Rand Paul and Congressman Ed Whitfield and their respective staffs to secure the funding, meet with DOE leadership to expedite the process, and continuous communication and coordination with this community is and will remain crucial to the successful clean-up of the facility and site.

The protection and safety of our community as the DOE begins to dismantle this huge complex and remediate the environmental impacts from 60-plus years of operations is of paramount concern to all. Today’s action is the first step in this long process. Our community is committed to maintaining its partnership role with the DOE, the state, our congressional delegation, and FLUOR to accomplish this work.”

*Gayle Kaler, Mayor, City of Paducah*

*Van Newberry, Judge-Executive, McCracken County*

*Sandra Wilson, CEO, Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce*

*Chad Chancellor, CEO, Paducah Economic Development*